REGION/STATE	SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES 1997		SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES 1998		SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES 1999	
	No. of A/cs.	Amount Outstanding	No. of A/cs.	Amount Outstanding	No. of A/cs.	Amount Outstanding
EASTERN REGION	1192474	3808742	903922	37679931	885059	42373171
Madhya Pradesh	122945	11864312	114037	14508265	118315	16364303
Uttar Pradesh	316306	27896569	272273	32286535	256003	35291556
CENTRAL REGION	439251	39750881	386310	46794800	374318	51655859
Gujarat	96040	22175981	72855	28145832	72663	30491522
Maharashtra	133367	53239874	110683	67909798	96147	78634756
Daman & Diu	126	37080	95	41957	99	49642
Goa	3809	1160259	3943	1613281	4040	2242807
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	70	29009	127	90200	117	132600
WESTERN REGION	233412	76643003	187703	97801068	173066	111551327
Andhra Pradesh	157264	20340106	122206	23870130	119870	26463198
Kerala	261600	10323759	120593	11538736	119972	12379787
Tamilnadu	240875	39562081	241839	43982509	238979	4656442
Pondicherry	6398	321462	6071	342408	6202	363016
Lakshadweep	32	846	23	600	18	562
SOUTHERN REGION	740896	89636799	587433	102012153	590581	111779245
All INDIA	3059428	315269219	2484702	378712993	2425462	425906929

Country's Debt

2653. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) What is the country's total debt due to other countries;

(b) since when the debt is outstanding;

(c) what is the annual interest paid for the debt;

(d) whether Government have formulated any Plan to wipe out the debt;

(e) what is the total interest paid so far; and

(f) what percentage of income is paid by way of interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The total amount of external debt outstanding of India stood at US Dollar 97.86 billion at end-September 2000, out of which bilateral debt amounted to US Dollar 17.19 billion. Of the total outstading external debt, US Dollar 93.36 billion was long term debt (with an original maturity greater than one year) and US Dollar 4.50 billion was short term debt (with an original maturity less than one year).

(c), (e) and (f) The total interest payments on external debt during 1999-2000 amounted to US Dollar 4,912 million compared to US Dollar 4,781 milion in 1998-99 and US Dollar 4,391 million in 1997-98. As a proportion of Gross Domestic Product at market prices, ratio of interest payments stood around 1.1 per cent of GDP during 1997-98 to 1999-2000.

(d) Government's external debt management policy focuses on achieving high growth of exports, keeping the maturity structure as well as the total commercial debt under manageable limits, restricting short-term debt and encouraging non-debt creating financial flows on external capital account such as direct foreign investment and portfolio investment. As a result, India's external indebtedness position has improved considerably since early 1990s. While debt-to-GDP ratio declined from a high of 38.7 per cent at end-March 1992 to 21.9 per cent at end-March 2000, the debt service payments to current receipts ratio improved from 35.3 per cent in 1990-91 to 16.0 percent in 1999-2000.

Demand of fund for Orissa from EFC

2654. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the fund demanded under various heads by Orissa from the Eleventh Finance Commission;

(b) the amount of allocation recommended by the Finance Commission for Orissa;

(c) whether there is a huge difference between the demand made and actually granted by the Eleventh Finance Commission for Orissa; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) A table showing details of funds demanded under various heads by Orissa from Eleventh Finance Commission (EFC) and the funds allocated by EFC is as under:

TABLE

(Rs. in cores)

		State Forecast 2000-2005	Reassessed Estimates 2000-2005
1.	Share in Central Taxes and Duties	14836.00	19026.64
2.	Upgradation and Special Problem Grants	9637.30	215.05
3.	Local Bodies Grant	1566.00	385.55
4.	Grant for Relief Expenditure	525.00	453.66